Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know how soon the question will be decided, Sir? There is a resolution of this House on this subject passed about a year ago."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" We hope that the matter will be decided within a week, Sir."

Territorial Changes

Constitution of a separate province for Oriyas.

* 1722 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have collected any information regarding the question of a separate Oriya province or the amalgamation of the Oriya-speaking division in Bihar and Orissa to be supplied to the Provincial Parliamentary Committee or to the Simon Commission ; and

(*b*) whether the Government will place these papers on the Council table for the use of the Members of this Council?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Certain statistics were collected on the subject and supplied to the Indian Statutory Commission. They are laid on the table.[a]

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With regard to clause (*a*) of the question, Sir, may I know the reason why the Oriya-speaking tracts of Vizagapatam, i.e., the Agency tracts, are not taken into account? I am referring to the figures given in the Appendix."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Because they were not asked for, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have accepted the principle of division of the provinces on linguistic basis?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state whether such statistics are available for the Andhra-speaking area?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" They were not collected ; they could be collected."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the statistics that were collected on the subject relate particularly to the Oriya-speaking area or to the other areas also?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" To the Ganjam district, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether the Government were asked to furnish statistics only with reference to the Ganjam district or also with reference to the Oriya-speaking tracts of the Madras Presidency?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Ganjam district, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Are similar statistics collected in the case of the Kanarese-speaking parts of the Presidency?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 161—171 infra.

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if any statistics have been prepared with reference to the Andhra Province ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question has been asked and answered."

Police

Arrest of Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti.

*1723-A *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras gave any orders or instructions to the District Magistrate, East Godavari or Kistna, to institute criminal proceedings against Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti ;

(*b*) whether the Government of Madras gave any orders or instructions to the Police of East Godavari or Kistna to prosecute Mr. B. Sambamurti ;

(*c*) who initiated criminal proceedings against him ;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to suppress Independence of India Leagues in the Presidency ; and

(*e*) whether the fact that Mr. Sambamurti has been the President of the Andhra Independence League was a reason for his prosecution ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The police.

(*d*) The Government have not considered the question.

(*e*) The Government have no information as they have not seen the charge sheet.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether Mr. Sambamurti was arrested without a warrant ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have no official information ; I have called for all the police records connected with the case."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether he was detained in the custody of the police and afterwards taken to the District Magistrate who also did not know why he was arrested ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I stated, I have sent for all the police records with a view to examine the point."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government sent a telegram to the District Magistrate to ask Mr. Sambamurti to furnish security ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know the reason why the Government were not pleased to call for the records so long, seeing that there was so much agitation in the press ? "